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SUBJECT: US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: TUNDRA AND PERMAFROST
WORKING GROUP

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COPY OF DENISOV - SKOOG LETTER JUNE 21.
2. THREE MEMBERS OF SOVIET WORKING GROUP ARE PLANNING TEN DAY VISIT TO THE US AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. DENISOV ACCEPTS PROPOSAL TO SHORTEN STAY IN WASHINGTON AND TO CARRY ON DISCUSSIONS DURING VISIT TO ALASKA.
3. CONCERNING VISIT OF US WORKING GROUP MEMBERS TO USSR IN 1973, DENISOV STRESSES THAT THIS IS NOT IN AGREED PLAN AND THAT US GROUP IS TO BE RECEIVED IN 1974. IN RESPECT TO PARTICIPATION OF US WORKING GROUP MEMBERS IN THE 1973 PERMAGROST CONFERENCE IN YAKUTSK, DENISOV SUGGESTS THAT THE US SCIENTISTS GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE ORGANIZORS OF THE CONFERENCE TO SETTLE

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THIS QUESTION.

4. THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP BELIEVES THAT A NUMBER OF TOPICS UNDER PROJECT TWO ENUMERATED IN SKOOG LETTERS ARE MORE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ENGINEERING PROBLEMS THAN TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROBLEMS AND SHOULD PROBABLY BE HANDLED UNDER PROJECT FOUR/3 OF THE MEMORANDUM. DENISOV CITES TOPICS 2 B/ A, 2 B/ B, AND THEMES 10, 11 AND 12 AS EXAMPLES OF ENGINEERING- RELATED TOPICS. IN ADDITION, DENISOV BELIEVES THAT PROJECTS 2 A/ A AND 2 A/ B ARE TOO GENERAL IN SCOPE AND ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP BELIEVES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THESE LATTER SUBJECTS DURING THEIR VISIT.

5. THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP WILL PAY THEIR OWN EXPENSES DURING THEIR VISIT.

6. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.
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